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INDIA.

Report from Calcutta—Care of lepers in India.

The following is received from Consul-General Michael, under date of March 25:

According to the latest estimate there are about 400,000 lepers in India. This estimate does not include those tainted with leprosy, but covers only those who have developed the disease sufficiently to be easily recognized as confirmed lepers. There are several institutions in India for the treatment and care of this class of unfortunates, but the larger number of them are outside of any asylum or mission maintained for their benefit. The Scottish Rite Mission for Lepers in India and the East has been laboring among lepers for 35 years and has 76 places where lepers are given a home and free treatment. This mission has recently built a new lazaretto at Khondwa, near Poona, where the headquarters of the mission is located. Other missions are engaged in the same work, and the results indicate that great good has been and is being accomplished.

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Examination of emigrants.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports:

Number of emigrants per steamship *Mongolia* for Honolulu April 7: Recommended for rejection 2; held for observation 2. For San Francisco, held for observation 1.

Rejections and detentions were for trachoma.

Report from Formosa—Plague.

Consul Deichman reports, March 27:

Plague is present in the prefectures of Kagi, Yensuiko, and Tainan in the southern part of the island of Formosa.

Report from Kobe—Inspection of vessels—Examination and disinfection of emigrants—Plague.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Knight reports, March 30:

Week ended March 27. Supplemental bills of health granted to 3 steamships.

There were inspected 32 members of crews and 102 steerage passengers. Twenty-five steerage passengers were bathed and disinfected. Their effects were disinfected by steam. The number of pieces of baggage steamed was 64 and bedding 50. Manifests were viséed for 29,296 pieces of freight, amounting to 2,511 tons.

Emigrants were examined as follows: Steamship *Asia* for Honolulu, passed 12, recommended for rejection 9; steamship *Asia* for San Francisco, passed 0, recommended for rejection 2; steamship *Tosa Maru* for Seattle, passed 7, recommended for rejection 11.

The emigrants passed, together with 6 intending passengers to Victoria by the steamship *Tosa Maru*, were inspected, bathed, and disinfected. Their effects were disinfected before embarkation.

The official returns of infectious diseases for the week show that there were reported in Kobe 1 case of plague, with 1 death.